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SUBJECT: R/V ALPHA HELIX CLEARANCE REQUEST, 7 AUG - 20
SEPT 1978

1. R/V ALPHA HELIX, A PRIVATE VESSEL OPERATED BY SCRIPPS
INSTITUTION OF OCEANOGRAPHY AND FUNDED BY THE NATIONAL
SCIENCE FOUNDATION IS PLANNING TO CONDUCT RESEARCH IN THE
TERRITORIAL WATERS OF NICARAGUA AND COSTA RICA. THE PUR-
POSE OF THE RESEARCH IS TO STUDY THE PHYSIOLOGY, BEHAVIOR,
NAVIGATION AND ENVIRONMENT OF THE GREEN TURTLE, CHELONIA
NYDAS. THE RESEARCH WILL TAKE PLACE AT THE MAIN FORAGING
AREA OFF THE COAST OF NICARAGUA AND THE BREEDING BEACH AT
TORTUGERO, COSTA RICA. RESEARCHERS WILL EXAMINE ALL
STAGES OF THE GREEN TURTLE'S LIFE FROM HATCHING TO ADULT;
STUDY ALL PHASES OF ITS NORMAL ACTIVITIES; AND VISIT ALL
THE NATURAL HABITATS OF THE COLONY IN THE WESTERN CARIB-
BEAN. EQUIPMENT WILL INCLUDE STANDARD LABORATORY INSTRU-
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MENTS ABOARD SHIP.

2. THE CHIEF SCIENTIST IS DR. HENRY D. PRANGE OF S.I.O.,
ASSISTED BY A SCIENTIFIC PARTY OF 12. SHIP'S CAPTAIN IS
ROBERT C. NEWBEGIN WITH A CREW OF 12. TWO BERTHS ARE
AVAILABLE FOR FOREIGN PARTICIPANTS (ONE EACH FOR; COSTA
RICA AND NICARAGUA), AND THEY WOULD EMBARK AND DISEMBARK

AT LIMON, COSTA RICA.

3. ALL DATA RESULTS WILL BE FREELY SHARED WITH HOST COUNTRIES.

4. ITINERARY:

DEPART CRISTOBAL C.Z. - 7 AUGUST
ARRIVE LIMON - 8 AUGUST
REMAINDER NOT YET DETERMINED

A SHIP'S TRACK IS BEING POUCHED.

5. ALPHA HELIX IS 294 GROSS TONS, 133 FT. LONG, AND HAS A 12 FT. DRAFT. RADIO CALL SIGN IS KLFK AND SHIP MONITORS 2182 KHZ AND VHF CHANNEL 16.

6. ACTION: EMBASSY IS REQUESTED TO SEEK CLEARANCE FOR R/V ALPHA HELIX TO CONDUCT MARINE SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH IN TERRITORIAL WATERS OF COSTA RICA AND NICARAGUA DURING PERIOD 7 AUG - 20 SEPT 1978. VANCE

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